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Dear Mr. Mottern:

My letter of February 15, 2002 was inadvertently released as a BFR for negotiations for an interconnection agreement as specified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. That letter is hereby rescinded and replaced with this letter addressing the findings of TRA Docket 00-00026.

My letter of February 15 should have made the TRA docket proceeding the controlling factor in the US LEC - TDS negotiations. A result of that docket is that the TRA has directed US LEC and TDS TELECOM @ (TDS) and its subsidiary companies (Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Inc., Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc., and Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.) to reach mutual agreement for an interconnection agreement.

The interconnection agreement attached to my February 15 letter and delivered via FedEx is the basis upon which we will negotiate.

As specified in the earlier letter, I will be the primary contact during the negotiation process and may be reached at the following:

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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